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Vernon Arts Commission
Minutes of February 7, 2011 11 FEB 22 PM 3: 56

Members (M) & Associates (A) Present:

	Ralston-Jones, Melissa (A)
Barnas, Donna (A)	Robeau, Lori (A)
Carter, Irma (M)	Rogala, Ginny (M)
Grosskortenhause, Judy (A)	Sharp, Kevin (M)
Orne, Bobbie (M)	Walach, B (M)

Guests:

Ann Letender
Sergey Nitkin
Tom Trial

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Kevin Sharp at 7:10 PM. The meeting was held at Gallery 46 in Vernon, a temporary venue, as VAC's regular site - Center 375 - was closed by Public Works Department due to problems with the roof.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 3, 2011 were approved as circulated.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Town Account	Balance	\$8,888.05
Performers fees		\$6,650.00
Custodian		\$ 200.00
Advertising		\$ 410.05
Office Supplies		\$ 40.00
Awards/Prizes		\$1,500.00
Encumbered Funds:		
Journal Inquirer		\$ 971.26
Crystal Blueprint		\$ 1.24
Rockville Reminder		\$1,279.60
		(\$536.39 pending payment)
Friends of VAC	Balance	\$1,042.01
Expenses		\$ 42.38 Table replacement
		\$ 250.89 Mitchell's

The Treasurer's Update:

- Rockville Reminder bills are not getting paid because they are not sending the "tear" sheets that the town requires although R.R. notified by Treasurer.
- Mitchell's bill for January 25th Forum was almost doubles the last one. They will return Treasurer's call/inquiry.
- Supplies have been purchased for 2011 National Night Out - using Crystal Blueprint's encumbrance.
- Corrections (format and wording) to the VAC 2011 RHS Scholarship form have been submitted to RHS.
- Kevin Sharp has tentatively agreed to be the VAC Treasurer. He will meet with Irma to discuss responsibilities.

- Only two schools thus far have requested money for 2011 VAC sponsored Arts Programs. The question was raised why there is no Arts Program monies allocated for Rockville High School – all other Vernon schools are included. The issue was tabled until the next (March) meeting & will be put on the agenda.
- Absolute need to discuss plans for potential VAC-sponsored programs & events. Must use money (\$8800) before end of the 2011 fiscal year (June 30).
- Irma reported that there are few members of the Friends of VAC – perhaps ten. Update needed.
- **Budget for FY 2011/12** has been submitted:

<u>FY 2010/11 Received</u>		<u>FY 2011/12 Proposed</u>
Custodial Fees	\$200	\$ 0
Performance Fees	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Advertising	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Office Supplies	\$ 40	\$ 40
Awards/Prizes	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
TOTALS	\$11,840	\$11,600

OLD BUSINESS:

- Irma reported that a contractor has been chosen for the VACA.
- The Peck Room at the Rockville Public Library will be the venue for a Vernon School System month-long Student Art Exhibit. Dates March 4–31. A reception sponsored by the Friends of the Rockville Library will be held on Monday, March 7th from 6–8PM. Bobbie will e-mail Jill Goldberg to request a representative of VAC make brief comments about the organization and its relationship to arts in the community. An e-mail was shared from J. Goldberg thanking VAC for our interest and support for the Student Art Show.
- Lori reported on the status of developing a VAC web site. There are presently three members of the committee. Discussion of possible structure of site, costs, etc. Sergey volunteered to join the committee. VAC unanimously agreed that no more than \$150 (for two years) should be spent on web hosting and domain name.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ann Letender, a representative from the Friends of Valley Falls, asked for clarification re: VAC's offer to "help" with the planned *En Plein Air Day* to be held at Vernon's Valley Falls Farm, summer 2011. A motion was made that VAC sponsor the music for the event with musicians Judy Handler and Mark Levesque. Unanimously supported. VAC also agreed to send a representative to their planning committee. Judy volunteered to be the VAC representative. Ann will send a "task list" for the event that has been compiled by the Friends of Valley Falls.
- Irma Carter has resigned as treasurer as of March 1, 2011. A motion was made and seconded that Kevin Sharp be appointed the new VAC treasurer. Unanimously approved.
- Tom DiDio has announced that this year the National Night Out, sponsored by the Rockville Community Alliance, will be held on Tuesday evening August 2, 2011. VAC has supported

NNO the past two years. A motion was made and seconded to support the event again this year. Unanimously carried.

- It was unanimously agreed that the agenda item re: Administrative Structure Examination, Budget Process and Budget Review be tabled until the next meeting.
- The VAC "information cards" need updating and replenishing. Suggested this be accomplished in time for distribution at the reception on March 7th for the Student Art Show.

NEXT MEETING will be on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7PM following the Student Art Show reception. Venue for the VAC meeting will be clarified with the Public Works Dept. in light of current closure of VAC meeting place. Ginny Rogala will be Acting Chair at the meeting. Please contact her to post agenda items.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Orne, Secretary